

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 01/01328

For: PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between the title and paragraph [0001] insert the following:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT/DE 01/01328, filed on April 5, 2001.

[0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] Field Of The Invention

replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a piezoelectric actuator, for instance for actuating a mechanical component such as a valve or the like.